

House Bill 595

By: Representatives Butler of the 18th and Roberts of the 154th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 honorary hunting and fishing licenses, so as to provide for lifetime honorary hunting and
3 fishing licenses for certain military veterans; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
4 purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 27-2-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to honorary hunting
8 and fishing licenses, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

9 "(a.1) The department shall issue a lifetime honorary hunting and fishing license, which
10 shall entitle a resident to hunt and fish in this state without the payment of fees described
11 in Code Sections 27-2-3.1 and 27-2-23, to each applicant who submits acceptable proof as
12 specified by rule or regulation of the department that he or she served on active duty in the
13 armed forces of the United States or on active duty in a reserve component of the armed
14 forces of the United States, including the National Guard, for a period of one year or more,
15 of which at least 90 days were served during wartime or during any conflict when military
16 personnel were committed by the President of the United States."

17 **SECTION 2.**

18 Said Code section is further amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

19 "(d) All honorary hunting and fishing licenses are subject to all wildlife laws, rules, and
20 regulations with the exception of the provisions requiring the payment of fees described
21 in Code Section 27-2-23 for such licenses. All lifetime honorary hunting and fishing
22 licenses issued to veterans in accordance with subsection (a.1) of this Code section are
23 subject to all wildlife laws, rules, and regulations with the exception of the provisions
24 requiring the payment of fees described in Code Sections 27-2-3.1 and 27-2-23 for such
25 licenses. Such honorary licenses or lifetime honorary licenses may be revoked in

1 accordance with this title. It shall be unlawful for any person who has an honorary hunting
2 and fishing license or lifetime honorary license to permit the use of same by any other
3 person. It shall also be unlawful for any person who is not entitled to an honorary hunting
4 and fishing license to use such a license or for any totally and permanently disabled person
5 issued such a license to possess or use such license when the disability is no longer total
6 or permanent. It shall also be unlawful for any person who is not entitled to a lifetime
7 honorary license to use such a license. Licenses for the totally and permanently disabled
8 may, upon a determination that the disability is no longer total or permanent, be revoked
9 until such time as the disability is again total and permanent."

10 SECTION 3.

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.